

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006. Reconsideration of this application in view of the previous response filed August 28, 2006 and the below remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8 and 11 – 14 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 6, 11, 12 and 13 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claims 1, 6, 11, 12 and 13 are amended; and Claim 14 is canceled. No new subject matter is introduced into the disclosure by way of the present amendment.

On October 23, 2006, an interview was initiated by the Examiner to discuss amendments to the claims. The Examiner notes that Claim 14 recites patentably distinct and allowable matter. Consequently, the Examiner suggests that including the limitations of Claim 14 in independent Claims 1, 6 and 11 – 13 would place Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8 and 11 – 13 in condition for allowance.

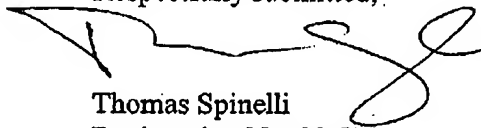
In response, Applicants accept the Examiner's suggestion and submit amended Claims 1, 6, 11, 12 and 13, reciting the limitations of Claim 14. Claim 14 has been canceled as redundant in light of the amendment to Claim 1. Consequently, Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8 and 11 – 13 are believed to be patentably distinct and allowable over the cited prior art references.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8 and 11 – 13 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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